

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A telephony switching method, comprising:  
receiving data from a first party;  
determining whether the data from the first party is substantially all speech  
5 data;  
in response to the data from the first party being substantially all speech data,  
then  
sending the data from the first party to the speaker; and  
deactivating a data transfer state by preventing a transfer of the data  
10 captured by a microphone operable to receive data from a second party and to  
receive data output by a speaker;  
in response to the data from the first party not being substantially all speech  
data, then determining whether a silent data threshold has been reached;  
if the silent data threshold has been reached, activating the data transfer state  
15 and recording data from the second party; and  
if the data transfer state has been activated, sending the data from the second  
party to the first party.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising decoding the data from the  
first party.
- 20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein substantially all speech data comprises  
a dynamically-adjustable amount of the data from the first party that is in a speech  
range.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the speech range is adjustable.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the data comprises audio data.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing the steps of  
determining whether the data from the first party is substantially all speech data and  
determining whether the silent data threshold has been reached by employing object-  
oriented software instructions.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether the data from the first party is substantially all speech data using logic residing on a computer;

determining whether the silent data threshold has been reached using the logic;

5 and

wherein the microphone and the speaker are operatively associated with the computer.

8. A telephony switching system comprising

a speaker operable to output data received from a first party;

10 a microphone operable to receive data from a second party and to receive data input from the speaker;

a logic module coupled to the microphone and to the speaker and operable to receive the data from the first party;

15 determine whether the data from the first party is substantially all speech data;

in response to the data from the first party being substantially all speech data, then

send the audio data from the first party to the speaker; and

20 deactivate a data transfer state by preventing transfer of the data captured by the microphone;

in response to the data from the first party not being substantially all speech data, then determine whether a silent data threshold has been reached;

if the silent data threshold has been reached, activate the data transfer state and record data from the second party; and

25 if the data transfer state has been activated, send the audio data from the second party to the first party.

9. The system of claim 8, further comprising a decoder coupled to the logic module operable to receive and to decode the data.

10. The system of claim 8, wherein substantially all speech data comprises a dynamically-adjustable amount of the audio data from the first party that is in a speech range.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the speech range is adjustable.

5 12. The system of claim 8, wherein the data comprises audio data.

13. The system of claim 8, wherein the microphone resides on a wireless device.

10 14. A telephony switching application, comprising  
a computer readable medium; and  
application software residing on the computer readable medium and operable  
to

receive data from a first party;

determine whether the data from the first party is substantially all  
speech data;

15 in response to the data from the first party being substantially all  
speech data, then

send the audio data from the first party to the speaker; and

20 deactivate a data transfer state by preventing transfer of the data  
captured by the microphone operable to receive data from a second  
party and to receive data output by a speaker;

if the data from the first party is not substantially all speech data, then  
determine whether a silent data threshold has been reached;

if the silent data threshold has been reached, activate the data transfer  
state and record data from the second party; and

25 if the data transfer state has been activated, send the audio data from  
the second party to the first party.

15. The application of claim 14, wherein the application software is further  
operable to decode the data from the first party.

16. The application of claim 14, wherein substantially all speech data comprises dynamically-adjustable amount of the data from the first party that is in a speech range.

17. The application of claim 16, wherein the speech range is adjustable.

5 18. The application of claim 14, wherein the data comprises audio data.

19. The application of claim 14, wherein the application software is operable to perform the steps of determining whether the data from the first party is substantially all speech data and determining whether the silent data threshold has been reached by employing object-oriented software instructions.

10 20. The application of claim 14, wherein the computer-readable medium is operatively associated with a computer, and the microphone and the speaker are operatively associated with the computer.

21. A telephony switching application, comprising:

15 a speaker operatively associated with a computer and operable to output data received from a first party;

a microphone operatively associated with the computer and operable to receive data from a second party and to receive data input from the speaker;

a logic module residing on the computer and coupled to the microphone and to the speaker and operable to

20 receive the data from the first party;

determine whether the data from the first party is substantially all speech data;

in response to the data from the first party being substantially all speech data, then

25 send the audio data from the first party to the speaker; and

deactivate a data transfer state by preventing transfer of the data captured by the microphone;

if the data from the first party is not substantially all speech data, then determine whether a silent data threshold has been reached;

if the silent data threshold has been reached, activate the data transfer state and record data from the second party; and

if the data transfer state has been activated, send the audio data from the second party to the first party.